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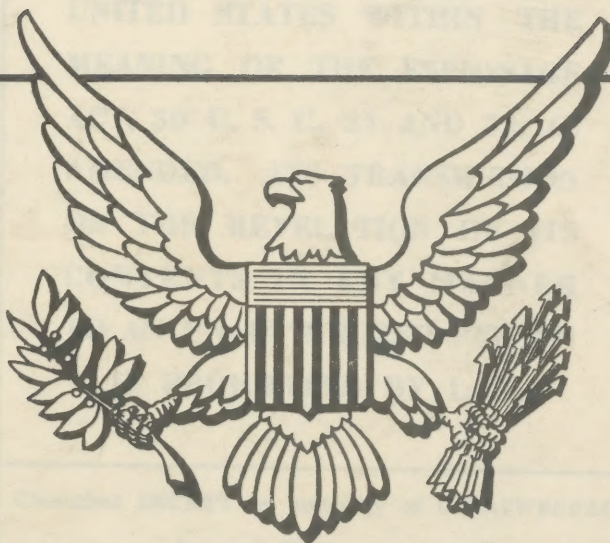
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Notes and Definitions

Abbreviations:

WIA - Wounded in Action
IIA - Injured in Action
N-B Injury - Non-battle Injury
CRD - Common Respiratory Diseases
N-P Diseases - Neuropsychiatric Diseases

Annual Rates per Thousand:

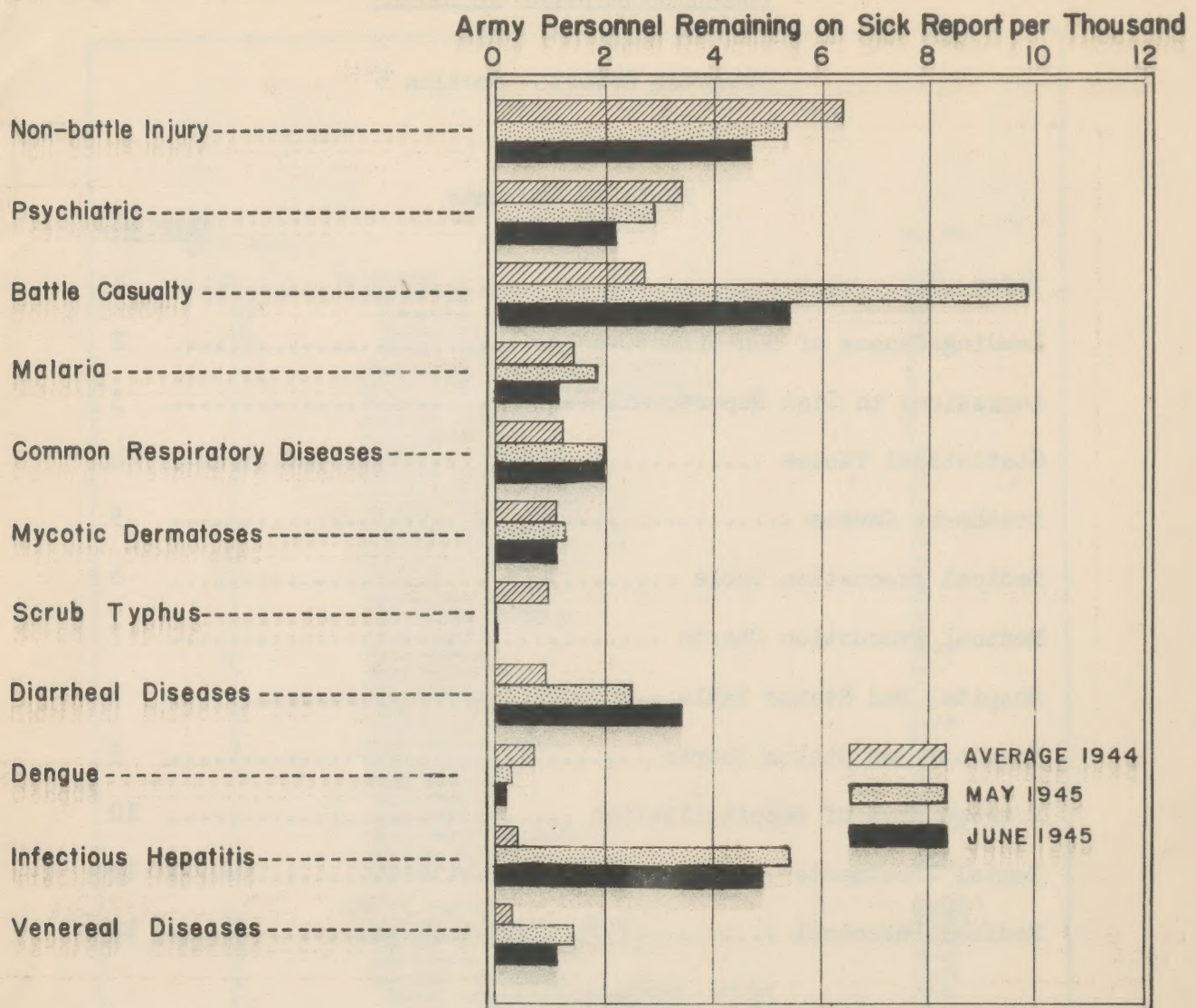
Rates in the form of "annual rates per thousand men" are conventionally used in medical statistics and reporting. They serve the purpose of basing observations on a common time-period. Most annual rates in this report are based on observation of a month-long period; such rates can be converted to rough percentages for the month by dividing them by 120.

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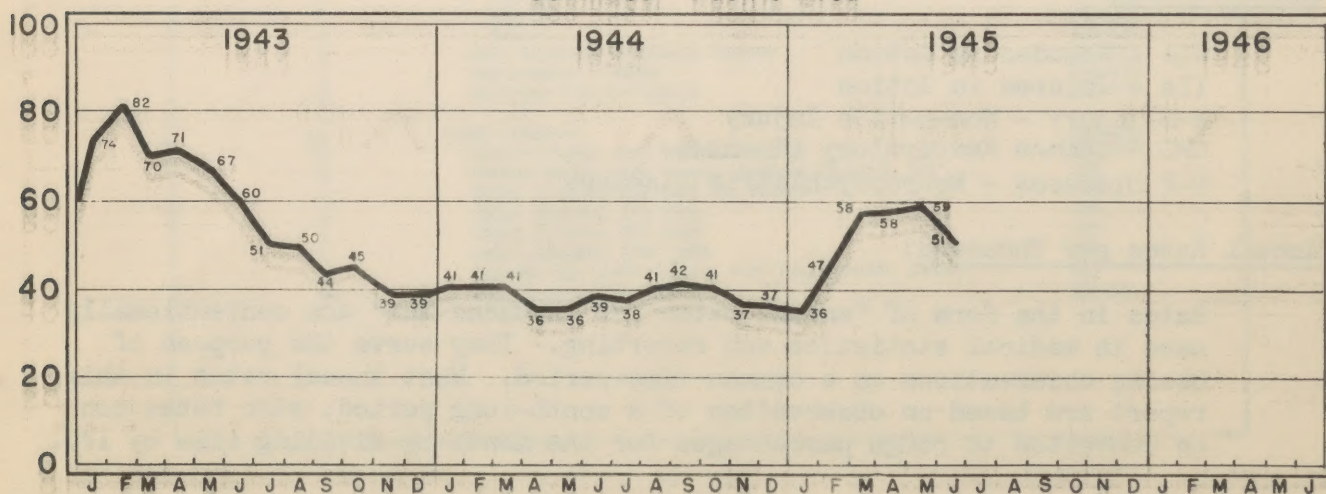
This term applies to deaths from all causes among the entire army in the theater, as distinct from death rates specific for cause, age, risk, and so on.

LEADING CAUSES OF NONEFFECTIVENESS

(Based on Reported Conditions)



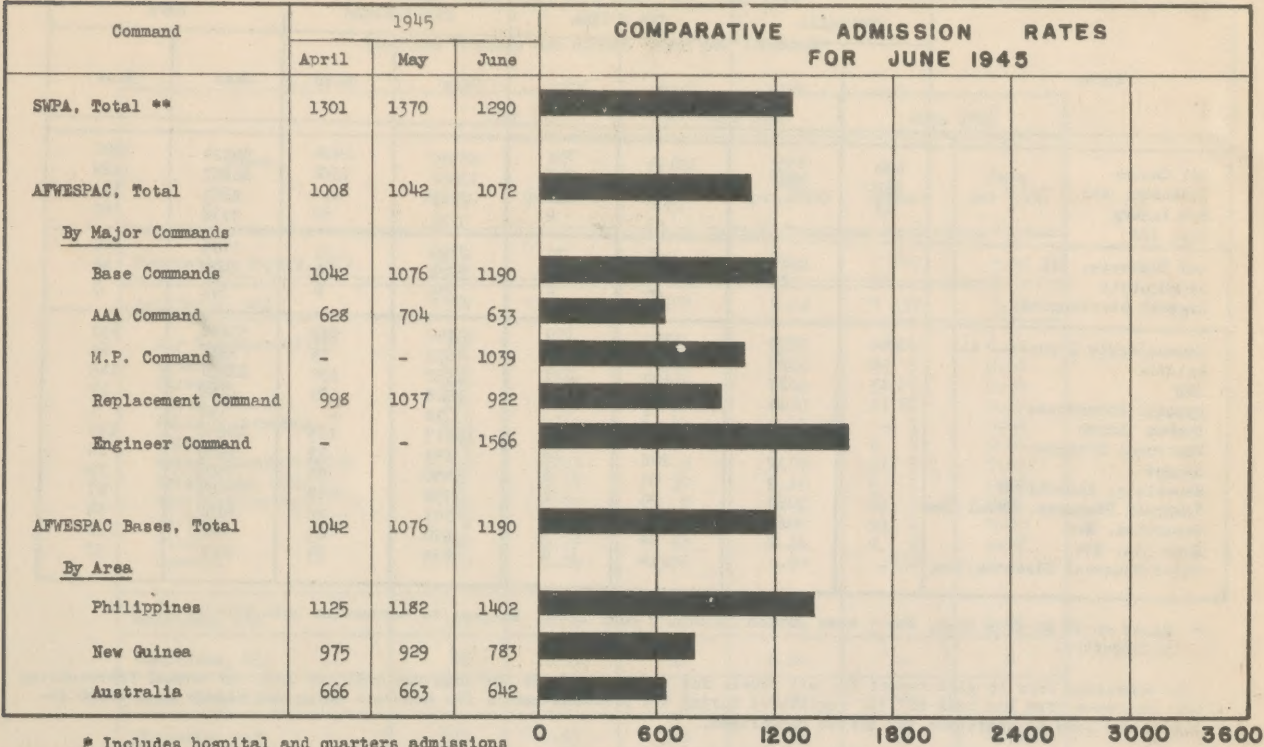
Mean Daily Noneffective Rate per Thousand
Southwest Pacific Area



The mean daily non-effective rate per thousand strength for the entire SWPA for June was 51.4, representing a slight decrease from the corresponding figure of 58.8 for the previous month, the greater part of the decrease being due to fewer battle casualty patients remaining.

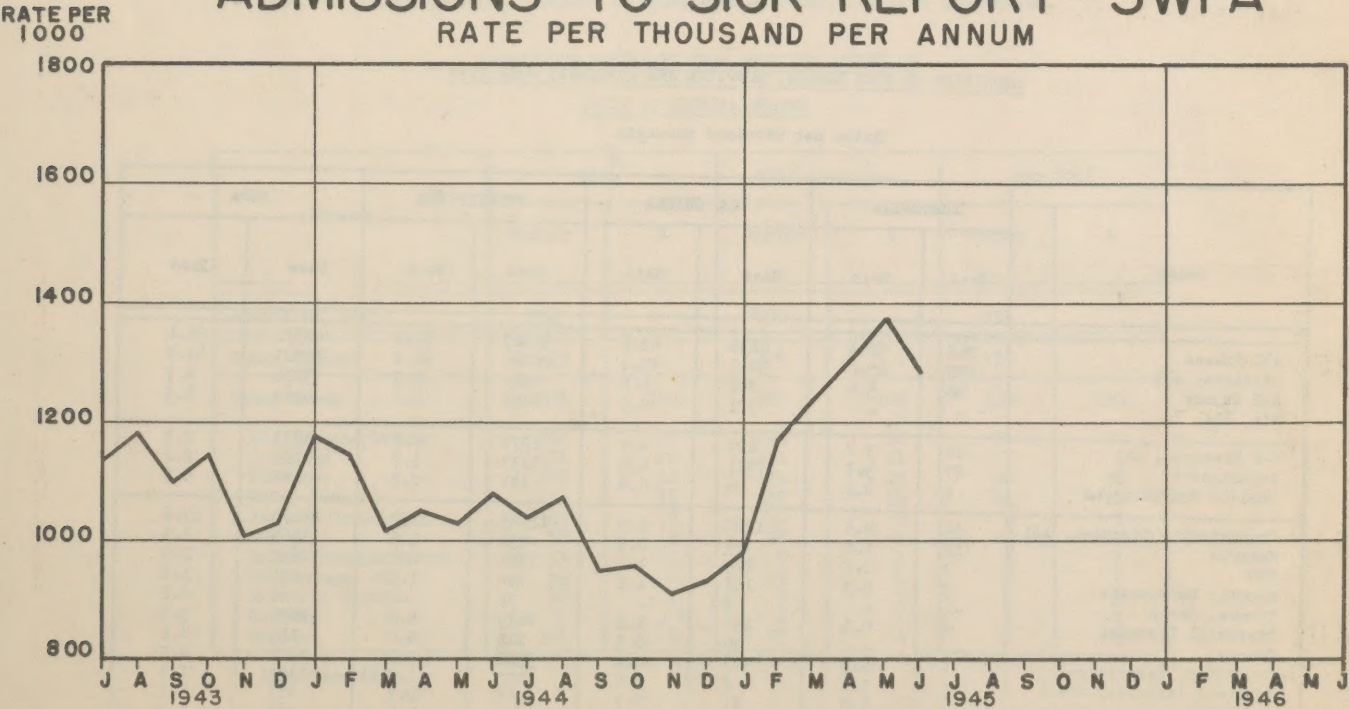
ADMISSIONS TO SICK REPORT—ALL CAUSES*

RATE PER THOUSAND PER ANNUM



* Includes hospital and quarters admissions based upon WD MD Form 86ab.
** Includes AFWESPAC, FEAF, 6th Army, 8th Army and ATC.
Subject to correction upon receipt of late reports.

ADMISSIONS TO SICK REPORT—SWPA
RATE PER THOUSAND PER ANNUM



During the month of June the admission rate for all causes for the Philippines (1402) was almost twice as high as that for New Guinea (783).

The gradual increase in the admission rates for the Base Commands for the April-June period reflects the increasing number of troops moving into the Philippines from New Guinea.

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ADMISSIONS TO SICK REPORT, HOSPITAL AND QUARTERS, JUNE 1945 *

Rates per Thousand per Annum

Cause	AUSTRALIA		NEW GUINEA		PHILIPPINES		SWPA	
	Case	Rate	Case	Rate	Case	Rate	Case	Rate
All Causes	630	655	10195	751	88499	1416	99324	1290
Diseases, All	562	584	8638	637	77657	1242	86857	1128
N-B Injury	68	71	1500	110	7121	114	8689	113
WIA, IIA	-	-	57	4	3721	60	3778	49
N-P Diseases, All	25	26	955	70	2799	45	3779	49
Psychiatric	22	23	872	64	2524	41	3418	44
Organic Neurological	3	3	83	6	275	4	361	5
Communicable Diseases, All	264	275	3760	277	49242	788	53266	691
Malaria	58	60	258	19	4672	75	4988	65
CRD	83	87	1722	127	9352	150	11151	145
Mycotic Dermatoses	11	11	313	23	1818	29	2142	28
Typhus, Scrub	-	-	3	-	38	-	41	1
Diarrheal Diseases	3	3	328	24	10317	165	10648	138
Dengue	12	12	208	16	839	13	1059	14
Hepatitis, Infectious	3	3	53	4	5450	88	5506	72
Venereal Diseases, Total, New	66	68	79	6	7358	118	7503	97
Gonorrhea, New	62	64	27	2	4103	66	4192	54
Syphilis, New	4	4	38	3	820	13	862	11
Other Venereal Diseases, New	-	-	14	1	2435	39	2449	32

* Based on WD MD Form 86ab, for 5 week period ending 29 June 1945. Subject to correction upon receipt of late information.

The admission rate to sick report for all causes for the entire SWPA for June was 1290 per 1000 per annum, representing a slight decrease from the peak of 1370 registered during the previous month, the decrease being due mainly to a sharp reduction in the rate of admission for battle casualties.

The admission rates for certain diseases, viz. common respiratory, diarrheal and venereal diseases, however, continued their upward trends, the rates for the latter two diseases reaching the highest levels ever reported for the theater as a whole.

REMAINING ON SICK REPORT, HOSPITAL AND QUARTERS, JUNE 1945 *

Rates per Thousand Strength

Cause	AUSTRALIA		NEW GUINEA		PHILIPPINES		SWPA	
	Case	Rate	Case	Rate	Case	Rate	Case	Rate
All Causes	268	30.4	6236	48.6	35067	52.2	41571	51.4
Diseases, All	220	25.0	5017	39.1	28066	41.8	33303	41.2
N-B Injury	48	5.4	848	6.6	2910	4.3	3806	4.7
WIA, IIA	-	-	371	2.9	4091	6.1	4462	5.5
N-P Diseases, All	28	3.2	627	4.9	1278	1.9	1933	2.4
Psychiatric	27	3.1	581	4.5	1137	1.7	1745	2.2
Organic Neurological	1	0.1	46	0.4	141	0.2	188	0.2
Communicable Diseases, All	39	4.4	1220	9.5	12965	19.3	14224	17.6
Malaria	12	1.4	63	0.5	994	1.5	1069	1.3
CRD	7	0.8	224	1.7	1381	2.1	1612	2.0
Mycotic Dermatoses	3	0.3	157	1.2	794	1.2	954	1.2
Typhus, Scrub	-	-	8	-	32	-	40	0.1
Diarrheal Diseases	1	0.1	156	1.2	2679	4.0	2836	3.5
Dengue	-	-	36	0.3	119	0.2	155	0.2
Hepatitis, Infectious	2	0.2	377	2.9	3528	5.2	3907	4.8
Venereal Diseases, Total	5	0.6	42	0.4	1053	1.5	1100	1.4
Gonorrhea	3	0.4	11	0.1	203	0.3	217	0.3
Syphilis	2	0.2	22	0.2	283	0.4	307	0.4
Other Venereal Diseases	-	-	9	0.1	567	0.8	576	0.7

* Based on WD MD Form 86ab, for 1 week period ending 29 June 1945. Subject to correction upon receipt of late information.

JULY 1945

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DEATHS BY CAUSES, SWPA

Total 1944; 1945 thru June; and June 1945

Absolute Numbers and Annual Rates per Thousand*

Cause	1944		1945 thru June		June 1945	
	Number	Rate per 1000	Number	Rate per 1000	Number	Rate per 1000
Non-battle Injury, all	1501	2.72	1332	3.42	240	3.12
Accidents, all	1359	2.46	1293	3.32	239	3.10
Air Transportation	345	0.63	296	0.75	24	0.31
Drowning	271	0.49	101	0.26	5	0.06
Firearms	209	0.38	174	0.44	28	0.36
Motor Vehicle	199	0.36	129	0.33	22	0.29
Falls & Crushing	105	0.19	44	0.11	3	0.04
Burns	58	0.11	58	0.15	5	0.06
Water Transportation	15	0.03	5	0.01	2	0.03
Poisonings, all	14	0.03	39	0.10	7	0.09
Electric Current	14	0.03	8	0.02	3	0.04
Railway	4	0.01	6	0.02	2	0.03
Other	102	0.19	57	0.14	6	0.08
Unknown	23	0.04	376	0.97	132	1.71
Suicides, all	107	0.38	20	0.05	1	0.01
Homicides, all	26	0.05	17	0.04	-	-
Legal Executions	9	0.02	2	0.01	-	-
Diseases, all	512	0.93	386	0.99	70	0.91
Died of Battle Wounds	1232	2.23	2215	5.69	171	2.22
Killed in Action	5636	10.22	9193	23.38	863	11.21
Total Deaths, all Causes	8881	16.10	13126	33.37	1344	17.46

* Based on WD MD Form 86ab. Subject to correction on receipt of late information.

PERCENTAGE MORTALITY FROM SELECTED CAUSES OF

TOTAL ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

Cause	1944		1945 thru June		June 1945	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Accidents, all	1359		1293		239	
Total Unknown	23		376		132	
Total Known	1336	100	917	100	107	100
Air Transportation	345	26	296	32	24	22
Drowning	271	20	101	11	5	5
Firearms	209	16	174	19	28	26
Motor Vehicle	199	15	129	14	22	21
Falls & Crushing	105	8	44	5	3	3
Burns	58	4	58	6	5	5
Water Transportation	15	1	5	1	2	2
Poisonings, all	14	1	39	4	7	7
Electric Current	14	1	8	1	3	3
Railway	4	*	6	1	2	2
Others	102	8	57	6	6	6

* Less than 1%.

The crude death rate for June was about half that reported for May. This marked reduction reflects curtailed combat activity on many fronts resulting in a large decrease in the number of troops killed in action and dying of wounds. No significant changes occurred in the death rate from non-battle causes from those reported for May.

MEDICAL EVACUATIONS TO UNITED STATES BY SELECTED CAUSES

ENTIRE SWPA

Absolute Numbers and Rates per Thousand per Annum*

MEAN STRENGTH** Cause of Evacuation	191366		555358		783190		800720		811263***	
	Year 1943		Year 1944		1st 5 Mos. 1945		June 1945		July 1945	
	Cases	% of Total Cases	Cases	% of Total Cases	Cases	% of Total Cases	Cases	% of Total Cases	Cases	% of Total Cases
ARTHRITIS	493	5.9	1351	4.3	855	2.6	157	2.1	148	2.7
ASTHMA	480	5.8	1004	3.2	749	2.3	149	2.0	119	2.2
NEOPLASM	31	0.4	162	0.5	115	0.3	48	0.7	55	1.0
HYPERTENSION	59	0.7	158	0.5	266	0.8	22	0.3	5	0.1
CARDIO-VASCULAR DISEASES EXCL. HYPERTENSION	215	2.6	448	1.4	141	0.4	59	0.8	37	0.7
NON-MENTAL DEFECT OR DEFORMITY	401	4.8	901	2.9	989	3.0	282	3.9	235	4.3
DERMATITIS	236	2.9	5884	18.8	6981	21.0	1110	15.1	862	15.7
DIABETES	38	0.5	47	0.2	28	0.1	8	0.1	5	0.1
PEPTIC ULCER	286	3.5	539	1.7	335	1.0	58	0.8	52	0.9
FILARIASIS	38	0.5	42	0.1	21	0.06	9	0.1	5	0.1
MALARIA & SEQUELAE	108	1.3	52	0.2	21	0.06	4	0.1	4	0.1
TYPHUS & SEQUELAE	17	0.2	311	1.0	76	0.2	-	-	2	0.03
TUBERCULOSIS	97	1.2	334	1.1	233	0.7	51	0.1	68	1.2
NEUROSYPHILIS	44	0.5	74	0.2	61	0.2	11	0.2	12	0.2
VENEREAL DISEASES EXCL. NEUROSYPHILIS	9	0.1	9	0.03	22	0.07	8	0.1	2	0.03
BATTLE CASUALTY & SEQUELAE	551	6.7	2852	9.1	8210	24.8	2164	29.5	1080	19.7
NONBATTLE INJURY & SEQUELAE	751	9.1	3134	10.0	3328	10.0	990	13.5	799	14.6
PSYCHOSES, ALL	862	10.4	4416	14.1	2708	8.2	536	7.3	518	9.5
CONSTITUTIONAL PSYCHOPATHIC STATES	70	0.8	11	0.04	4	0.01	-	-	-	-
MENTAL DEFICIENCY	48	0.6	7	0.02	6	0.02	-	-	-	-
PSYCHONEUROSES, ALL	2303	27.8	5078	16.2	3888	11.7	746	10.2	710	13.0
EPILEPSY	101	1.2	329	1.1	153	0.5	20	0.3	23	0.4
ORGANIC NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES	122	1.5	769	2.5	753	2.3	189	2.6	54	1.0
ALL OTHER CONDITIONS	934	11.3	3392	10.8	3243	9.8	712	9.7	682	12.5
TOTAL	8294	100.0	31304	100.0	33168	100.0	7333	100.0	5477	100.0
Rate/1000/Annum	43.3		56.4		104.9		95.2		87.8	

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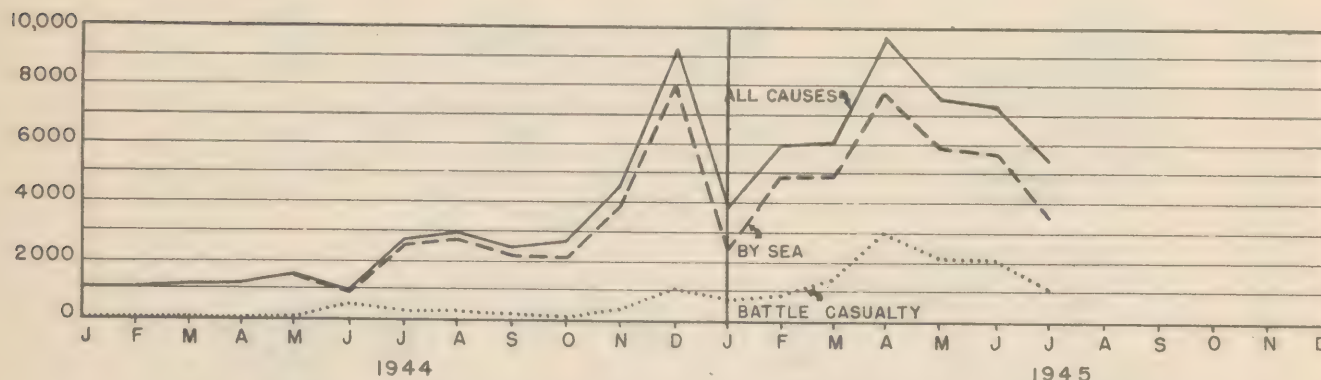
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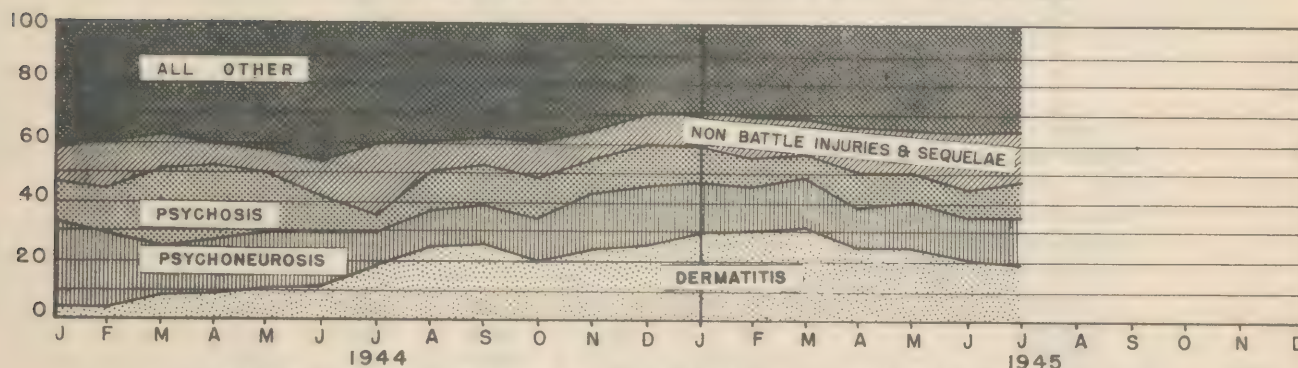
During July, as for the previous three months, battle casualties represented the largest single cause of evacuation to the United States, equalling almost 20% of the total evacuations. Following in order as principal causes of evacuations were: dermatitis, non-battle injury and sequelae and psychoneurosis. These four causes, including battle casualties, comprised almost two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of evacuations to the United States.

TOTAL MEDICAL EVACUATIONS TO UNITED STATES ALL CAUSES — BY SEA — BATTLE CASUALTY ENTIRE SWPA

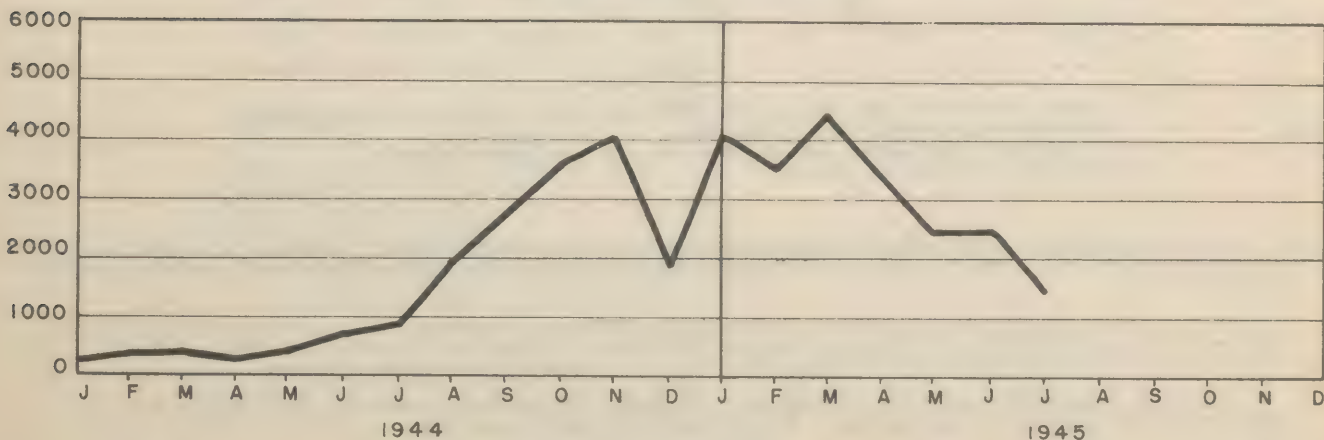
ABSOLUTE NUMBERS



PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF NON-BATTLE MEDICAL EVACUATIONS TO UNITED STATES ACCORDING TO SELECTED CAUSES



PATIENTS BOARDED AWAITING EVACUATION TO UNITED STATES ENTIRE SWPA ABSOLUTE NUMBERS



A total of 5477 patients were evacuated to the United States during July of which 1600 of 29% were evacuated by air.

The total number of boarded patients awaiting evacuation to the United States at the end of July 1945 represents the smallest number awaiting evacuation for any month since July 1944. The estimated available lift for August cannot be made because of the reallocation of transportation facilities for use by the Army of Occupation.

STATUS OF HOSPITAL BEDS, SWPA *

a. Hospital Beds in Theater.

Command	Fixed **	Non-Fixed **	Total
AFWESPAC	48950 (b)	5475 (b)	54425
Sixth Army	4000 (a)	4175 (b)	8175
Eighth Army	3700 (a)	1150 (b)	4850
Replacement Command	250 (a)		250
Total, SWPA	56900	10800	67700

(a) Attached.
(b) Assigned.

b. Fixed Hospital Beds by Areas.

Area	Staging	Under Move- ment Orders	Con- struc- ting	T/O Oper- ating	Beds Occu- pied	% of Operating T/O beds Occupied
AFWESPAC Bases.						
ABSEC				550	358	65.1
B		250		250	17	6.8
E				500	546	109.2
F		2000		2000	333	16.7
G		2000		4500	1809	40.2
H		250		7150	9382	131.2
K			4500	2000	2195	109.8
M			1500	400	535	133.8
R			500	250	327	130.8
S				13150	10463	79.6
X	7000	250***		200		
SHIPS						
Total	7000	4750	6500	30950	25965	83.9
Army Supply Points.						
MOROTAI				500	144	28.8
MINDANAO		500	250	1600	1456	91.0
MINDORO				1000	491	49.1
LEYTE				400	334	83.5
PAKAY				400	387	96.8
PALAWAN				250	148	59.2
LUZON				2800	2095	74.8
Total		500	250	6950	5055	72.7
Total, SWPA	7000	5250	6750	37900	31020	81.8

* Based on WD MD Form 86ab, Central Medical Records Office, as of 27 July 1945. Subject to correction upon receipt of late information.

** As defined in AR 40-1080, Change 2, Paragraph 36, "Hospitalization".

*** Attached to Replacement Command.

As of 27 July 1945 the total number of hospital beds present in the entire SWPA was 67700 of which 56900 were fixed and 10800 were nonfixed beds. Each of these figures represents respectively the maximum number of beds ever reported as present in this theater.

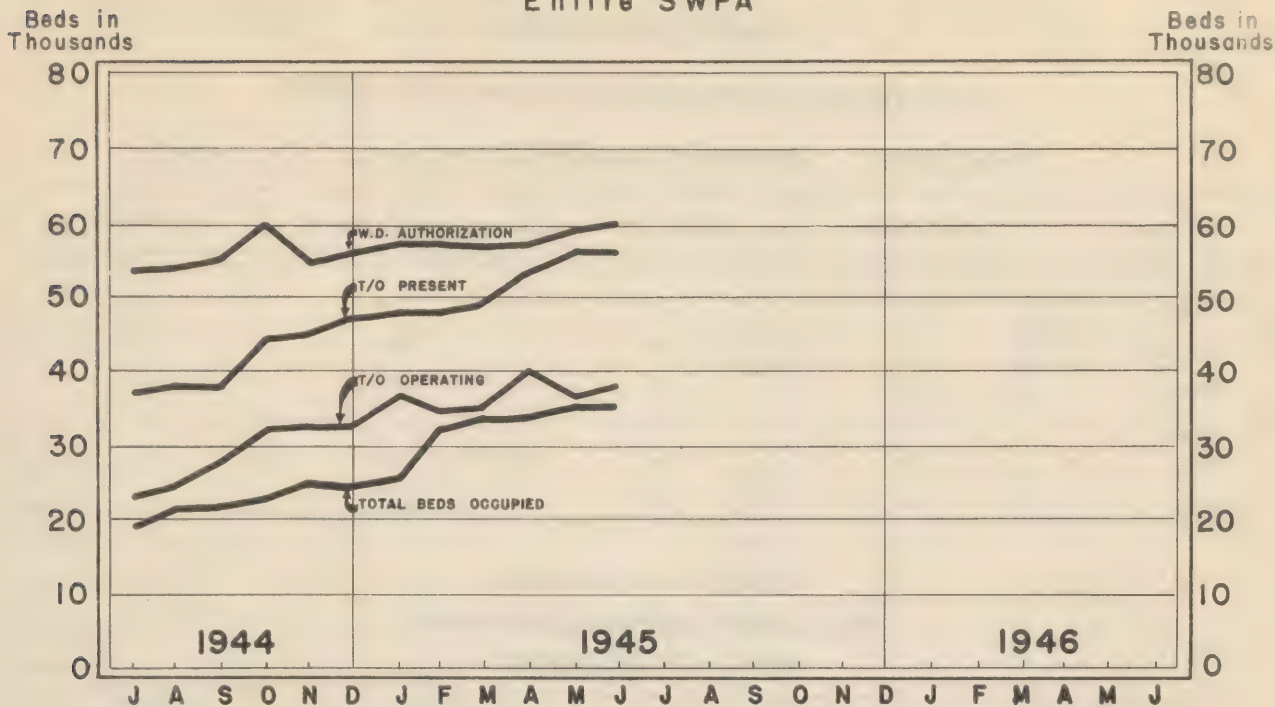
The total number of fixed beds occupied as of 27 July 1945 (31020) was substantially lower than the peak figure of 35608 reported for the previous month, the difference being due principally to a substantial decrease in the number of battle casualty patients remaining and a moderate decrease in the number of patients remaining due to disease.

The ratio of total fixed beds occupied to the total T/O capacity of fixed beds operating was 81.8%, representing a substantial decrease from the corresponding figure of 93.3% reported for the previous month.

The hospital at Base "A" was closed during the week ending 13 July 1945.

FIXED BEDS

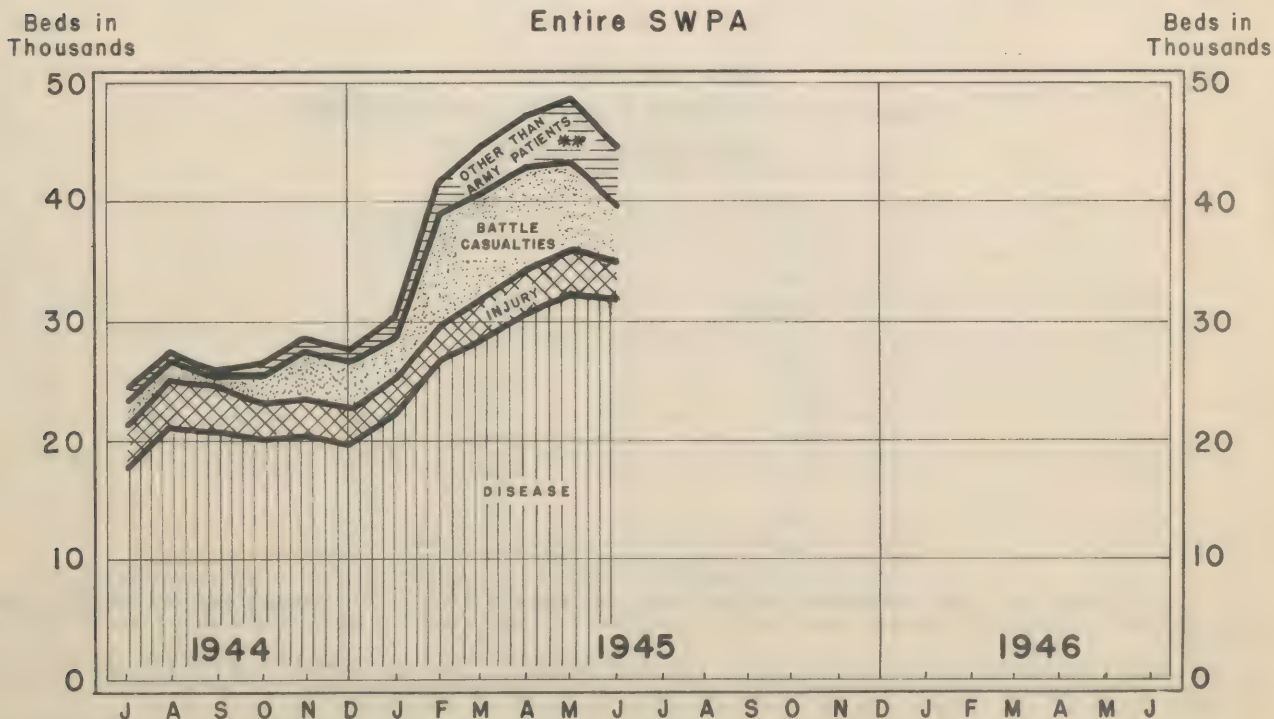
Entire SWPA



At the end of June the total number of beds occupied in fixed hospitals in entire SWPA reached the highest level (both in number and in percent of strength) yet attained in this theater, and represented also approximately 93% of all T/O fixed beds in operation.

BEDS OCCUPIED IN FIXED AND NONFIXED HOSP.*

CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO TYPE OF PATIENT



* Nonfixed hospitals include clearing stations acting as hospitals.

** Includes Allied and neutral Armed Forces, Other U.S. Armed Forces, Prisoners of War and Civilians.

The decrease in the total number of fixed and nonfixed beds occupied during June from the high peak reached during May 1945, was due principally to a substantial decrease in the number of battle casualty patients remaining and a slight decrease in the number of patients remaining due to disease. "Other than Army patients" totaled 50% at the end of June.

AVERAGE DAYS OF HOSPITALIZATION

IN SWPA HOSPITALS OF PATIENTS DISCHARGED TO DUTY FROM AFWESPAC HOSPITALS

JANUARY - JUNE 1945, INCLUSIVE

Month	All Services	Medical Service	Surgical Service	I-P Service
January	18	15	23	23
February	18	16	24	22
March	20	16	26	26
April	23	19	29	26
May	21	19	24	19
June	21	19	23	25

AVERAGE STAY IN SWPA HOSPITALS

PRIOR TO BOARDING FOR EVACUATION TO UNITED STATES

JANUARY - JULY 1945, INCLUSIVE

Month	All Services	Medical Service	Surgical Service	I-P Service
January	28	28	32	26
February	27	26	29	24
March	30	30	31	26
April	30	31	34	22
May	29	30	33	21
June	28	29	32	19
July	28	30	30	20

AVERAGE STAY IN HOSPITAL

BETWEEN BOARDING FOR EVACUATION AND EVACUATION TO THE UNITED STATES

MARCH - JULY 1945, INCLUSIVE

Month	All Services
January	*
February	*
March	22
April	17
May	11
June	11
July	10

*. No information available.

Patients discharged to duty from AFWESPAC hospitals during June averaged 21 days of total hospitalization. Patients discharged to duty after treatment in the neuropsychiatric service of AFWESPAC hospitals averaged 25 days during June as compared with 19 days during May.

No significant changes from that reported for May occurred during June in the average length of stay in SWPA hospitals prior to boarding for evacuation to the United States. On the average, neuropsychiatric service patients were boarded after 20 days hospitalization as compared with 30 days for patients treated in either the medical or surgical services.

Patients evacuated to the United States during July spent on the average only 10 days in AFWESPAC hospitals subsequent to being boarded.

DENTAL SERVICE ACCOMPLISHED BY ARMY DENTAL CORPS IN SWPA

ABSOLUTE NUMBERS AND RATES PER THOUSAND

Type of Service	Number	Rate per thousand per annum	Rate per thousand per month
Admissions	79,090	1185.3	98.8
Sittings	158,739	2378.9	198.2
*Permanent Restorations	92,400	1384.8	115.4
Extractions	20,809	310.6	26.0
Teeth Replaced	27,183	407.4	33.9
Dentures Constructed	3,543	53.1	4.4
Dentures Repaired (Including Rebase)	2,240	33.6	2.8
Bridges Constructed	337	5.1	0.4
Prophylaxis	14,928	218.7	18.6

*Includes fillings, crowns, root canals, inlay recemented and Crown recemented.

The number of Dental Officers reporting the above Dental Service for the month of June was 815 with the ratio of total Dental Officers to the total strength being 1.1 per 1000 men.

The admission rate for Stomatitis, Vincent's, during June was 8.5 per 1000 per annum or 0.8 per 1000 for the month, a slight increase from preceding month.

For every tooth extracted, 1.3 were replaced by dentures or bridges, indicating that 30% more teeth were replaced than extracted. The average number of teeth replaced by each partial denture constructed was 9.6. During the month 1643 defective bridges were repaired or recemented. For each tooth extracted there were 4.4 permanent restorations, (fillings, etc) inserted. The average number of permanent restorations per reporting Dental Officer was 113.4. The average number of teeth extracted per reporting Dental Officer was 25.5. For the Amalgam restorations, 35.6% were Oxyphosphate and Amalgam. Of the Silicate restorations, 4.0% were Oxyphosphate and Silicate.

All of the above rates were computed on the basis of Mean Troop Strength reported on W.D. M.D. 86ab.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, AFWESPAC

Overages and Shortages

As of 15 August 1945

	T/A UNITS				T/O UNITS				AFWESPAC AGGREGATE				
	AUTH	ASGD	O/S		AUTH	ASGD	O/S		AUTH	ASGD	O/S		
			No.	%			No.	%			No.	%	
MC	107	85	-22	-20.5	2226	1882	- 344	-15.7	2333	1967	- 366	-15.6	MC
DC	51	35	-16	-31.3	620	516	- 104	-16.7	671	551	- 120	-17.8	DC
VC	49	28	-21	-42.8	39	43	+ 4	+10.2	88	71	- 17	-19.3	VC
SnC	26	32	+ 6	+23.0	201	194	- 7	- 3.4	227	226	- 1	- 0.4	SnC
MAC	38	64	+26	+68.4	1072	914	- 158	-14.7	1110	978	- 132	-11.8	MAC
TOTAL MALE OFFICERS	271	244	-27	- 9.9	4158	3549	- 609	-14.6	4429	3793	- 636	-14.3	TOTAL MALE OFFICERS
ANC	29	16	-13	-45.8	4555	3121	-1434	-31.2	4584	3137	-1447	-31.5	ANC
HD					124	98	- 26	-20.9	124	98	- 26	-20.9	HD
PTA					89	72	- 17	-19.0	89	72	- 17	-19.0	PTA
WO	2	7	+ 5	+250	73	54	- 19	-26.0	75	61	- 14	-18.8	WO
EM	414	385	-29	- 7.0	34476	30153	-4323	-12.5	34890	30538	-4352	-12.0	EM
AGGREGATE	716	652	-64	- 8.9	43475	37047	-6428	-14.7	44191	37699	-6492	-14.6	AGGREGATE

AFWESPAC medical units were operating 14.6% understrength as of 15 August 1945. The corresponding figure on 15 July 1945 was 10.8%.

The acute shortage reported of Army Nurse Corps personnel is being adjusted by replacements available in the theater at present and by those expected to arrive within the next month.

It is anticipated that the proposed revision of T/A medical units will adjust the overages and shortages shown in the above table for the various classes of personnel authorized for these units.



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